



LODGE LINE

OCTOBER 2020



October is a month of holidays

Sukkot

Is a weeklong Jewish holiday that celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the temporary dwelling G-d made to shelter our ancestors on their way out of Egypt. We celebrate Sukkot by dwelling in a foliage- covered booth known as a "Sukkah".

The goal is to spend as much as time as possible in the Sukkah. It is typical for families to eat all their meals in the sukkah, and for some individuals it is customary to also sleep in the sukkah.



Sukkot

Begins sunset
Friday, October 2nd

Ends nightfall of
Friday, October 9th

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Begins Friday, October 9
Ends nightfall of
Sunday, October 11th

Thanksgiving

Monday, October 12th

Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah

The Torah tells us that after the seven days of Sukkot, we should celebrate an eighth day. In the Diaspora, this eighth day is doubled so there are two festive days. The final day is known as Simchat Torah. On this day, we celebrate the end of the annual cycle of Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. We begin with the first chapter of Genesis. The highlight of this holiday is by taking the scrolls out of the ark in synagogue and spending the evening singing and dancing. The Torah scrolls are carried seven circles around the sanctuary called hafakot.

Thanksgiving. Did you know?

1. We've celebrated Thanksgiving in Canada for 140 years, starting in November 6, 1879
2. Prior to 1957, Canada celebrated Thanksgiving on the third Monday of October. It officially moved to the second Monday of October via an announcement on January 31, 1957 by the Governor General of Canada.
3. The United States celebrates their Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November.
4. It was originally celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year

What's happening at the Lodge this month?

Rabbi Kenter

Rabbi Braun

Evelyn Greenberg

Toby and Joel Yan

Rabbi Mikelberg

Gerry Cammy

Rabbi Teitlebaum

Todah Rabah

Thanks to our very own Rabbi Teitlebaum, our residents had the opportunity to hear and see a shofar blowing during Rosh Hashanah. For almost an hour, Rabbi Teitlebaum walked around the Lodge blowing the shofar. The recreation team worked very hard to make sure that residents were able to enjoy it from their windows. The staff reported that it was a successful program and that residents “were very happy and thankful” as they “heard and enjoyed the blessings”.

Hillel Heroes – Thank you!

Thanks to the exceptional dedication and commitment of our staff, Hillel Lodge proved that we can make it on the other side of a COVID outbreak. While the lockdown has been exceptionally hard for staff, residents and families – we got through it, as a team. All our staff shined, showing up each day, putting the care of residents in front of their own. They are all appreciated and each one of them deserve a personal thank you.

After close to three long weeks of being in isolation, on October 1, 2020, Ottawa Public Health gave Hillel Lodge an “All Clear” and for some activities to resume. To celebrate, the

management team met in the Hillel Courtyard to celebrate the staff. GOOD WORK TEAM!



COVID19 Jewish Humour

It's like that Jewish optimist who was sitting with the Jewish pessimist.

The pessimist sighs, half to himself, and half to his optimist friend.

"Oy," he says, "things couldn't be any worse."

"Sure, they could!" says the optimist

The Fridge

Mr. Goldberg bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front garden and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it." For three months, the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$200.' The next day someone stole it.



Birthdays

Sheldon Berman
Esther Boubil
Margie Feldstein
Rosaria Iezzi
David Jacobson
Allen Markowitz
Edna McDilda
Sylvia Shier
Quang Tran

Welcome New Resident!

Edna McDila
Marianna Banfalvi

Our Sincere Condolences to the Family of:

David Barnes

*May his memory
be a blessing always.*



Welcome...

to our new staff members

Nicolas Corneau
(Housekeeping Aide)
Arienne Hutagaol
(Feeding Assistant)
Mariella Manulat
(Personal Support Worker)
Roberto Lora
(Personal Support Worker)

Family Council invites you:

Meetings hosted 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Upcoming meeting:
Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

For more information and to sign up please
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